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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Chakraborty, et al.

Serial No.: 09/524,408 Group Art Unit: 2123

Filed: March 13, 2000 Examiner: Eduardo Garcia Otero

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING FINE-GRAINED  
TRANSFORMS DURING PLACEMENT SYNTHESIS INTERACTIONHonorable Commissioner of Patents  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: